

Examiner knows, the files of the undersigned attorney were destroyed on September 11, 2001. Upon our request, the USPTO was kind enough to send us duplicate copies of this and other files. However, the copy which we received of the original papers did not contain an abstract. It is also noted in this context that the originally filed papers were mislaid in the USPTO and apparently have not been recovered. Upon the request of the undersigned, the Examiner was kind enough to fax the copy of the specification and claims which were the basis of the Examiner's examination. However, that copy which was received on March 13, 2003 did not contain an abstract either, except as part of the PCT publication where an abstract appears on the first page. Applicants' German Patent Attorney has, in the meantime, sent the undersigned a copy of the application as it was sent to the undersigned and filed in the USPTO originally. This application contains the same abstract as appearing in the PCT publication. Accordingly, it is believed proper to insert this abstract and it is submitted as a separate sheet with a request to attach this sheet as the last page of the specification and claims behind the claims: